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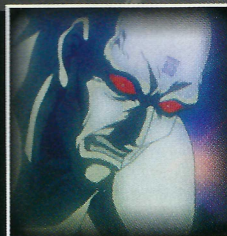
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Scripts by Yosuke Kuroda (Trigun, Tenchi Muyo), Excel Saga, Mao-chan, Scryed)

Music by Tsuneo Imahori (Trigun)

Produced by Masao Morosawa (Jubei-chan, Ninja Scroll TV) and Shigeru Kitayama (Ninja Scroll Movie, Noir)

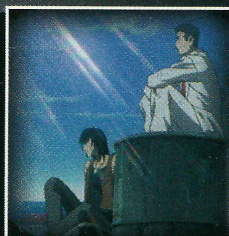
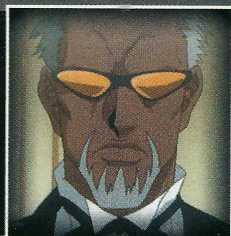
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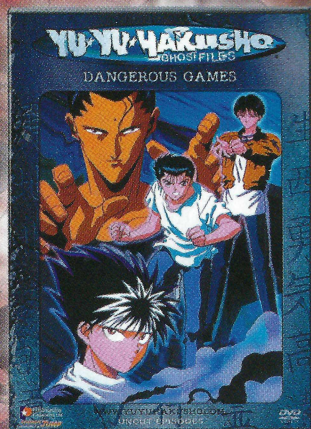
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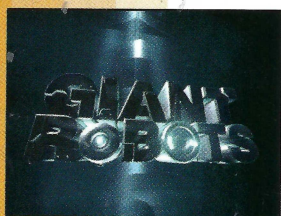
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ANIME NETWORK LAUNCH!



Anime Network is the first US network devoted entirely to anime! Following a wildly successful start on Video On Demand (VOD), Anime Network On Demand now reaches 10 million viewers! Now, the network is set to premiere on June 30 as a full-blown 24-hour-a-day digital cable channel on provider Insight Communications. Just imagine having anime perpetually pumped into your home! It doesn't get much better than that. If you don't have Insight, take heart—agreements with other providers are in the works. Be sure to check out www.theanimenetwork.com for the latest details.

Meanwhile, look for Anime Network On Demand in your area, and enjoy this peek at the awesome anime that'll be showing at launch-time!

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FAST,
FURIOUS,
AND A
LITTLE BIT
OUT OF
CONTROL!

IN THE ZONE

KINO'S JOURNEY

The open road teaches Kino all one needs to know in this moody, ethereal and action-packed anime. Watch as deep life-lessons mesh with John Woo-inspired gunfights and Hong Kong action. Kino travels with the talking motorbike named Hermes, and every city offers new insight, every person a unique outlook. Phillip K. Dick-inspired themes take on an awesome anime aesthetic in this hot series that's simultaneously cerebral and ultrakinetic!

■ 15+ ■ STUDIO WOMBAT

NEW FIST OF THE NORTH STAR

In the early '90s, the original *Fist of the North Star* film arrived in the US, and anime fans went wild! This OVA chronicles the continued exploits of that movie's leading martial arts master, Kenshiro, against a barrage of mystical baddies. Expect all the exploding-head chaos of the film, '70s kung fu movie camp and enough over-the-top martial arts action to make even the most astute Hong Kong film fan scream for mercy!

■ 17+ ■ TOEI ANIMATION

A.D. POLICE

Welcome to the hard-boiled sci-fi chaos of Genom City! Officer Kenji Sasaki's partners keep mysteriously dying, as the VOOMERS, a menacing breed of artificial intelligence, attempt to turn the entire city into a techno-wasteland. When Kenji meets his new partner Hans, the two tackle hordes of mechanical monsters as Kenji faces fear itself!

■ 12+ ■ AIC

ARC THE LAD

Mutants and mysticism rule in this fab fantasy adventure. Elk, a young hunter, teams up with the mysterious Lieza and warrior Shu to topple a cult that's creating half-human beasts. The head of the group is thought to be the enigmatic outlaw, Arc the Lad. And Elk even suspects that Arc destroyed his village. Sure enough, a showdown is brewin'!

■ 15+ ■ BEE TRAIN

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BUBBLEGUM CRISIS: TOKYO 2040

Cyberpunk rocks! In this recent remake of the classic '80s anime *Bubblegum Crisis*, a band of sexy techno-charged vixens stands against an evil corporation bent on mass destruction. Using killer combat suits, the lady vigilantes of the Knight Sabers bust up an army of synthetic monsters with all the kinetic fury of a spiraling comet. Yowza!

■ 15+ ■ AIC

CITY HUNTER

This series, which was made into a live-action film starring Jackie Chan, follows an elite soldier on a rampage of revenge against the government that betrayed him. Ryo Saeba—super sleuth, sharpshooter and suave ladies' man—pushes the limits of his body, mind and charisma to save Tokyo from utter annihilation.

■ 15+ ■ SUNRISE

FINAL FANTASY: UNLIMITED

Loosely based on the mega-popular *Final Fantasy* video game franchise, this anime incarnation serves up the mystical madness. Ai and Yu travel to Wonderland, a mysterious world with a dark past. With the brooding, demon-summoning Kaze and the enigmatic Lisa, Ai and Yu wander deep into Wonderland. Chaos and evil await!

■ 12+ ■ GONZO DIGIMATION

PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE!

Make sure to tune in to these action-packed programs on Anime Network!

SPRIGGAN

The hit sci-fi manga gone cutting-edge feature-length anime!

■ R ■ BANDAI VISUAL

STEAM DETECTIVES

Robots powered by steam in a fantastic film noir setting!

■ 15+ ■ XEBEC

WILD ARMS

A 25-year-old gunslinger in a five-year-old's body seeks adventure!

■ 12+ ■ BEE TRAIN

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST

It's buddy cop TV meets girls-with-guns anime. How cool is that?

■ 12+ ■ GONZO DIGIMATION

ZAION

Mankind's saviors from a destructive virus are a slew of super soldiers...and a 16-year-old girl.

■ 13+ ■ GONZO DIGIMATION

MEZZO

Mikura, Harada and Kurokawa like it dangerous! Operating illegally from a renovated London bus parked on the roof of an office building in near-future Tokyo, they take any job, from kidnapping to smuggling to peddling androids on the black market. There are no moral conundrums with this terrible trio. If the price is right, they'll do your dirty work!

■ 15+ ■ ARMS

ORPHEN

When the gifted magician Orphen drops out of the top magic university, the administration's most powerful sorcerers fight with abandon to bring him back. But this young upstart has his own plans. He's on the trail of an evil dragon with a super-fierce name, Bloody August. Can he survive against such incredible odds?

■ 12+ ■ J.C.STAFF

RUNE SOLDIER

A clan of mischievous tomb-raiding lasses enlist the help of an oafish magician to break the magical seal that guards an ancient treasure. But they learn they've taken on more than they bargained for, and the group ends up on a series of lighthearted, action-packed adventures with loads of lightning-quick swordplay and sorcery.

■ 15+ ■ J.C.STAFF

SAIYUKI

Sanzo, a Buddhist priest with a spiritual revolver, leads a group of merry misfits to stop the resurrection of a demonic force. There's Goku the monkey king; Genjo, a womanizing water sprite; and Cho, a jeep-driving demon with a heart of gold. Sure, they could save the world. But booze, babes and gambling may be more enticing to these unlikely heroes!

■ 13+ ■ STUDIO PIERROT

SIN

In this gritty sci-fi anime, Colonel John Blade leads an elite strikeforce called the HARDCORPS against corruption in a city on the verge of downfall. A high-powered corporation is manipulating the citizens with drugs that purportedly prolong life and health, but they may actually bring about the extinction of the human race.

■ 15+ ■ PHOENIX ANIMATION

SAMURAI X

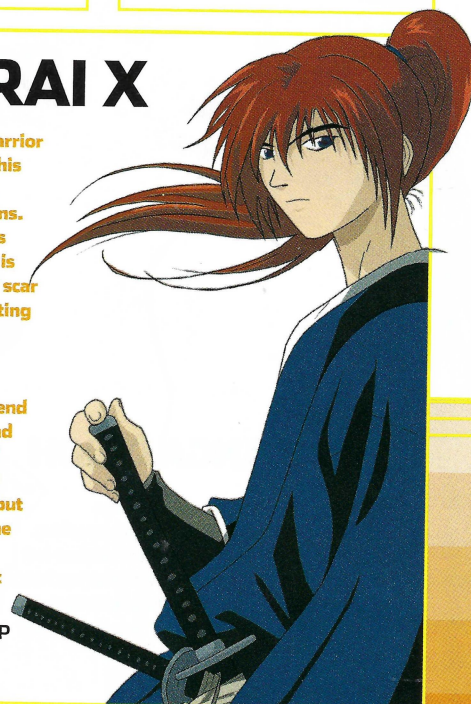
Himura Kenshin, the warrior who united Japan with his sword, now wanders in peace to atone for his sins. Many still search for this legendary samurai who is marked by an X-shaped scar on his cheek. Upon meeting Kaoru, a young martial artist and inheritor of a peaceful sword style, Kenshin is forced to defend the honor of the style and his own blood-drenched name. Love is born, and Kenshin finds a family, but can he find peace? Can he really escape his sordid past? We'll give you just one guess!

■ 17+ ■ STUDIO GALLOP

NOIR

Two lovely ladies with a dark past paint it black in this femme fatale anime. For sexy assassin Mireille, it was business as usual until she met young Kirika, and her life was turned upside down. It seems both ladies are professional killers who can't recall their tragically sordid pasts. They join forces, unearth conspiracies and wax bad guys in this inimitably stylish bullet ballet.

■ 15+ ■ BEE TRAIN





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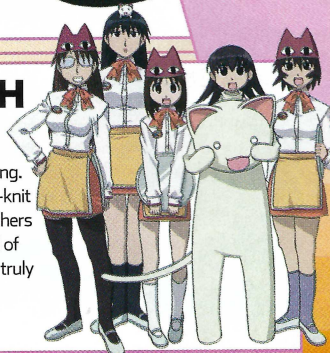
Magical transformations. Everyday angst, coupled with romance, drama and a dash of intrigue. Android sidekicks, alien monsters—and high school boys! It's all in a day's work for these all-purpose gals who kick butt and take no guff. Just don't come here looking for fan service. Sure, you might get a sneak peek here or there, but these gals are really about power, romance, laughter and—most of all—fun.

YOUNG GALS
BATTLE
ALIENS,
ANDROIDS
AND TEEN-
AGE BOYS!

AZUMANGA DAIOH

Call it the *Seinfeld* of anime. *Azumanga Daioh* is a show about nothing—and everything. Chronicling the everyday exploits of six close-knit (but very different) gals, along with their teachers and classmates, *Azumanga Daioh* is the kind of show that'll have you laughing, cheering and truly caring about these charming kids!

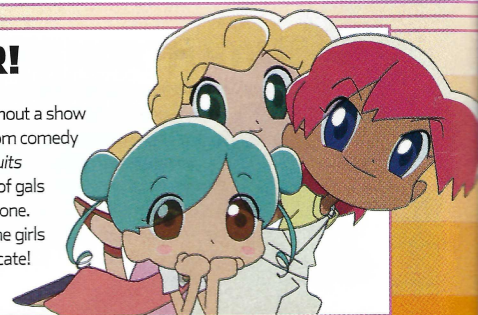
■ 13+ ■ J.C.STAFF



GRRL POWER!

What would "Girl Power" be without a show called...*Grrl Power!* The latest from comedy mastermind Akitaroh Daichi (*Fruits Basket*), *Grrl Power!* stars a trio of gals who can get just about any job done. And in a first for anime, one of the girls uses sign language to communicate!

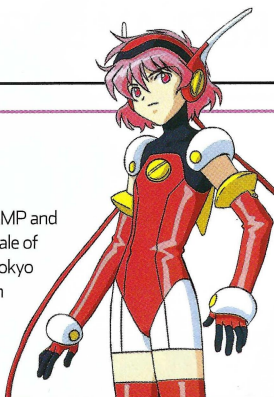
■ 12+ ■ COMIX WAVE



BATTLE DOLL ANGELIC LAYER

Combining the talents of the all-girl collective CLAMP and animation studio BONES, *Angelic Layer* tells the tale of small-town girl Misaki Suzuhara, who comes to Tokyo and gets caught up in the high-tech game Deus, in which dolls called Angels are controlled by the thoughts of their operators!

■ 13+ ■ BONES




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ALL PURPOSE CULTURAL CAT GIRL NUKU NUKU

Being a teenage android with a cat's brain might seem tough enough, but when you're also told not to use your powers in public—yet you're constantly confronted with confounding conundrums like evil, out-of-control washing machines—well, life can be a bit of a challenge. Welcome to the wacky (and hilarious) world of Nuku Nuku!

■ 12+ ■ ANIMATE, STUDIO FANTASIA

CHANCE POP SESSION

After a chance encounter at the concert of their beloved idol, three strangers decide to pursue stardom. They meet again when they all happen to enroll in the same school. But these girls quickly find out they share more than the ability to harmonize their voices—they're somehow united by a mysterious blue stone and traces of the past!

■ 12+ ■ MADHOUSE

CHOBITS

Another magical offering from CLAMP, *Chobits* is set in a world populated with persocoms, lifelike robots that make perfect companions. When nice-guy Hideki finds Chi in the trash, he goes on an emotional roller-coaster as he tries to decipher his feelings for this beautiful bot. Plus, Chi may be a Chobit, a unique persocom with legendary powers.

■ 16+ ■ MADHOUSE

DIRTY PAIR

Talk about collateral damage! Whenever the Dirty Pair—a duo of junior-level agents of the World, Welfare & Works Agency—is on the job, you better duck and cover, because Kei and Yuri have a tendency to shoot first, second and last (and you can just forget about asking questions). Join these lovely angels as they blast their way into your homes!

■ 12+ ■ SUNRISE

MAGICAL PLAY

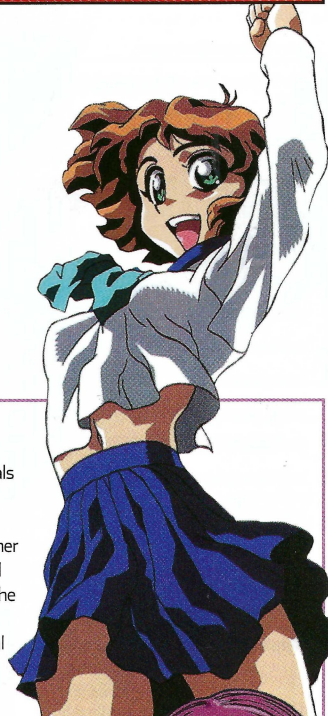
Being a magical girl isn't easy. Take Padudu: Her quest to become a magical girl requires her to take part in all kinds of battles—wearing a fish suit, no less! Meanwhile, Queen Purilun and her hench-veggie Zucchini, along with the cops Ketchup and Mustard, are hot on her trail. Why? You'll just have to find out for yourself in *Magical Play*!

■ 15+ ■ AIC

PRINCESS NINE

Forget Madonna and Rosie (bleh!). These gals didn't need to create a league of their own to challenge the male-dominated world of Japanese sports. Instead, they banded together to take on the guys with great team spirit and skills to match. Packed with as much heartache as muscle aches, *Princess Nine* will inspire viewers with its realistic characters, emotional storylines and thrilling baseball action.

■ 12+ ■ PHOENIX ENTERTAINMENT



MAGICAL SHOPPING ARCADE ABENOBASHI

Sasshi's life is turned upside down when he learns that the shopping arcade he calls home will soon be no longer. Plus, he might have to part ways with his best gal-pal Arumi! Then the pair discovers their home is a portal to parallel existences, and a series of madcap adventures ensues. Tag along as the duo tries to find their way home in this over-the-top anime.

■ 17+ ■ GAINAX

PRINCESS TUTU

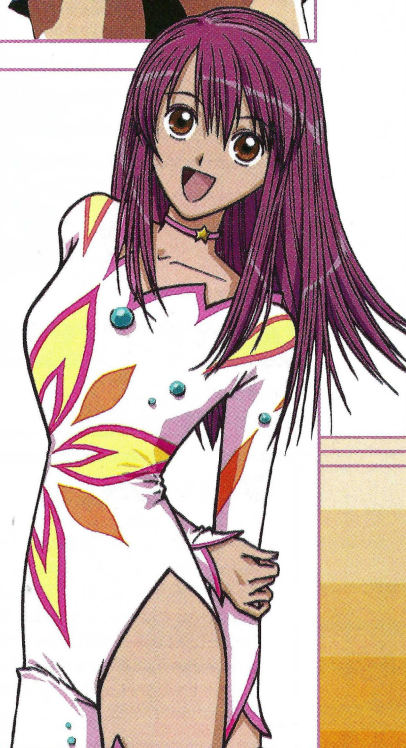
You've heard of puppy love...but duck love? *Princess Tutu* stars a duck named Ahiru who falls for the sullen prince Mytho. Ahiru wants to make Mytho happy, but she can't do much, being a duck. Then, thanks to a helpful ghost, Ahiru is transformed into a magical ballerina, and she sets about recovering the missing pieces of Mytho's heart.

■ PENDING ■ HAL FILM MAKER

KALEIDO STAR

Meet Sora Naegino, star of the *Kaleido Stage* circus. At least that's what she aims to be! Young and eager, 16-year-old Sora has traveled to the US to try to join this top troupe of aerialists and acrobats—yet despite her talents, things don't come so easily. Her luggage is stolen by a roller-blading thief, and she misses her big audition...and that's just her first day in the States. She eventually gets her shot at fame, and her humorous, heartwarming struggles to reach the top make for some endearing drama.

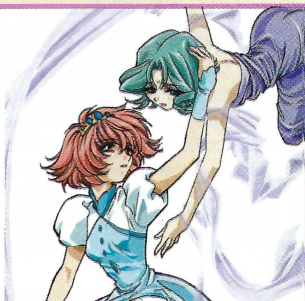
■ 12+ ■ GONZO DIGIMATION



PRETEAR

An enchanting adventure in the mystical realm of Leafaenia, *Pretear* tells the tale of Himeno Awayuki, a 16-year-old who just wants a simple life. But thanks to a nutty father, an arranged marriage and two nasty step-sisters—not to mention she's the Pretear, the savior of the land—Himeno's life is gonna get a whole lot more complicated.

■ 15+ ■ HAL FILM MAKER



GIANT ROBOTS

They're big. They're bad. They're made of metal. And they kick ass without concern for anything that might be in their way. (Oops, sorry...was that your car? Hope your insurance covers "acts of robot.") They're giant robots, an anime genre where edge-of-your-seat, robot-on-robot—or robot-on-giant-alien—fighting action is the order of the day. Their pilots may be reluctant to fight with the odds stacked against them, but in the end, these machines smite evil like nobody's business. And we can't help but watch...from a safe distance. The only thing left to decide is what side dish you want served up with your hearty helping of raw steel. Like it old-school? Try *Aura Battler Dunbine*. Like it deep and meaningful? Check out *Neon Genesis Evangelion* or *RahXephon*. Is your girlfriend gonna watch with you? Quick, turn to *Voices of a Distant Star*. Or do you like it with a dash of comedy? Get up to speed with *Full Metal Panic!* or the crew of *Martian Successor Nadesico*.

Whatever your preference, Anime Network's mecha menu will rock you like a hurricane.

HEAVY METAL

EVERYONE CAN USE A GIANT ROBOT TO HELP THEM THROUGH THE DAY

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GRAVION

On the eve of humanity's extinction at the hands of intergalactic invaders, an eccentric billionaire gives the world a powerful parting gift—Gravion, a super robot that will defend the planet. But only teens that possess a special G-enzyme, like Eiji and his "enhanced" pals, can pilot the G-Attacker craft that combine to form Gravion. Despite the heavy circumstances, there's a lot of fun to be had in *Gravion*, thanks in part to the lively cast of lovable characters!

■ T3+ ■ GONZO

AURA BATTLER DUNBINE

Cocksure Japanese motocross star Show Zama falls through the Aura Road and lands in Byston Well, where he's forced to pilot a mechanized assault suit called an Aura Battler for the malevolent Drake Luft's army. But after spending some time in combat, he realizes he's been fighting on the wrong side. He breaks rank, quickly joining Neil Givens' crew to fight against Luft's forces. Don't miss this classic anime—complete with human drama and massive mecha—from *Gundam* creator Yoshiyuki Tomino.

■ 12+ ■ SUNRISE



DAI-GUARD

When a hostile alien race threatens Earth, there's only one thing to do: Dust off the giant robot (which is now no more than a tourist attraction) built years ago to defend against an initial wave of invaders and use it to combat this threat. Oh, and make the attraction's inexperienced staff pilot it. Will cold steel and raw talent spell victory?

■ 12+ ■ XEBEC

GASARAKI

Japanese mysticism, sci-fi super-science and giant robots are the electrifying ingredients for this tale of world war and one family's struggle for power. Caught in the middle is the fourth son of the Gowa family, Yoshiro Gowa, a Tactical Armor pilot who has only recently discovered the dormant supernatural powers within him.

■ 12+ ■ SUNRISE



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GENERATOR GAWL

Two young scientists and their friend Gawl travel back in time to the year 2007 to stop Professor Takuma Nekasa from discovering a genetic code that will later lead to the birth of human-skinned metal mutants called Generators. Before they can save the future, they'll have to fight off the metal assassins that followed them into the past.

■ 12+ ■ TATSUNOKO/PRODUCTION I.G

GETTER ROBO

Years ago they saved humanity from marauding aliens, but since then the Getter Robos, their pilot and the once-dead scientist that created them have been outcasts. When the aliens reappear at Earth's doorstep, they rise again to light humanity's darkest hour and use their hulking mechanical might to kick alien butt.

■ 15+ ■ BANDAI VISUAL

MARTIAN SUCCESSOR NADESICO

Join the crew of the good ship *Nadesico* as they journey through space, thwarting alien attacks on Earth's colonies along the way. Led by the ditzy daughter of a high-ranking United Earth Army official, this ragtag group of misfits always seems to smite evil just in time to get back to the ship and catch their favorite anime show, *Gekiganger 3*.

■ 12+ ■ XEBEC

MAZINKAISER

The nefarious Dr. Hell and his army of ancient mechanical menaces have their sights set on world domination. But just as the evil doc and his henchman, Baron Ashura, defeat the metal hero Mazinger, a new super robot steps up to foil their plans—Mazinkaiser. They'll need more than raw ambition if they want to get past his atomic fist.

■ 15+ ■ BANDAI VISUAL

NEON GENESIS EVANGELION

In the Tokyo of the future, all that stands between mankind's survival and total annihilation at the hands of alien invaders called Angels is a team of teenaged wunderkinds. They pilot mechanical giants called Evangelions, built by the top-secret Nerv organization. Join Shinji, Rei and Asuka as they battle inner demons and hell on Earth.

■ 12+ ■ GAINAX

NEO RANGA

The ancient god Neo Ranga shows up unannounced on the edge of Tokyo, searching for the three female souls—Minami, Ushio and Yuuhi—to which he is eternally connected. Unaware if their visitor is friend or foe, the military greets this giant mechanical god with its heaviest of artillery, and all hell breaks loose in this sci-fi tale with a tribal twist.

■ 15+ ■ STUDIO PIERROT

SAKURA WARS

Set in the early 20th century, *Sakura Wars* follows the exploits of a group of beautiful (and deadly) female mech pilots who spend their days fighting evil and their nights performing musical theater. Based on the hit Japanese video game, the drama heats up as this crack team of warriors learns to work together across the battlefield and the stage.

■ 12+ ■ MADHOUSE

VOICES OF A DISTANT STAR

Maintaining a long-distance relationship can be tough, especially when it's across the vast reaches of space. When Mikako is called to fight in an intergalactic war, the only way she and boyfriend Noboru can stay in contact is through text messages. As Mikako is drawn deeper into space, it takes longer and longer to communicate their love.

■ 13+ ■ COMIX WAVE

ZONE OF THE ENDERS: DOLORES

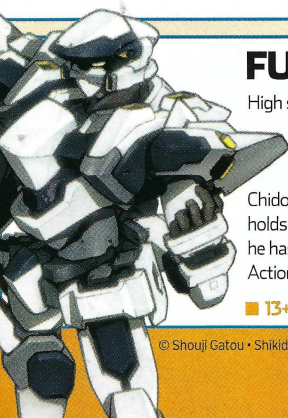
James Links and his family get caught in the middle of an interplanetary power struggle when he discovers the cargo he's been transporting is the ultrapowerful Orbital Frame Dolores. Things get worse when inspectors are mysteriously killed aboard his ship, and he finds himself running from the law while trying to keep Dolores out of evil hands.

■ 15+ ■ SUNRISE

ZONE OF THE ENDERS: IDOLO

The year is 2167, and Mars' military is testing Idolo, a powerful new mecha they hope will put an end to the oppression they suffer at the hands of Earthlings. But as testing begins, a strange relationship between pilot (Second Lieutenant Radium Lavans) and ship begins to take hold, revealing the project's true power and destructive force.

■ 15+ ■ SUNRISE, VAP



FULL METAL PANIC!

High school antics and high-grade mecha action mix company when hotshot Mithril agent Sousuke is assigned to bodyguard duty. He's gotta protect innocent high school girl Kaname Chidori from a group of terrorists who believe she holds a secret power called "The Whisper." Thing is, he has to do it without her knowing what he's up to. Action and comedy collide in *Full Metal Panic!*

■ 13+ ■ GONZO DIGIMATION



RAHXEPHON

Kamina Ayato thought everything outside Tokyo had been destroyed by Mu invaders. But then Tokyo is attacked by unknown fighter planes. Fleeing the attack, he meets a girl who leads him to the giant RahXephon in an underground shrine. He pilots the RahXephon into the outside world and learns the horrible truth: The flow of time has been split in two. Will Ayato be able to "tune" the world back to the way it should be?

■ 15+ ■ BONES



After a long, full day watching anime, why not unwind by...watching more anime! Put the kids to bed, though—Super Happy Funtime is packed with eye-popping fare for the mature anime connoisseur. From the over-the-top antics of *Excel Saga* to the ever-so-giving nature of *Steel Angel Kurumi*, Super Happy Funtime is crammed with comedy on the racy side. If you're in the mood for some late-night fun, your saucy comedy cravings will be more than satiated here. Think of it as a very special treat, a delightful gift wrapped up in a frilly maid's outfit, a salacious serving of "service" for fans of anime—prepared especially for you by your pals at Anime Network. Yum.



LATE-NIGHT
FUN FOR
MATURE
AUDIENCES!

STEEL ANGEL KURUMI

Nakahito awakens a young girl in an abandoned house, but she ain't no human gal. She's the powerful Steel Angel Kurumi—and she's all his. So what do you do with a humanoid weapon who constantly reminds you that she's willing to do anything you ask? If you like babes that kick butt, watch *Steel Angel Kurumi* and find out!

■ 17+ ■ PONY CANYON

EXCEL SAGA

Tired of the same old storylines? Well get ready for the wildly insane *Excel Saga*, which is about...everything! Abusive cuteness, evil schemes, romance, afros, diabolical plans, dogs, food, dogs as food and Space Butlers! *Excel Saga* has it all! It's the ultimate anime parody!

■ 17+ ■ VICTOR ENTERTAINMENT





BURN UP EXCESS

Team Warrior is back from *Burn Up W*, and things are just as rowdy as ever. This time our heroines face everything from robo-bugs to jewel robbers! Things get too hot to handle for criminals when the best animated babes in blue make the collar! *Burn Up Excess*: It's not just a title—it's a raucous good time!

■ 15+ ■ MAGIC BUS, AIC

BURN UP W

Crime is on the rise in Tokyo, and every two-bit criminal, from terrorists to high-tech hoodlums, seems to be having his way. That's about to change when the world's best-drawn S.W.A.T. team takes it to the streets. Let's face it, there's no escaping once you've been caught by the long legs of the law!

■ 15+ ■ MAGIC BUS, AIC

CRYING FREEMAN

With the right application of power, any man will succumb. So discovers Yo Hinomura when the "108 Dragons" decide he will be their new assassin. Brainwashed and helpless to stop himself from killing, he can only shed tears for his victims. He has become Crying Freeman. Don't miss this sexy, violent storytelling masterpiece.

■ 17+ ■ AIES, TOEI ANIMATION

COLORFUL

One word fits *Colorful*: Pantypalooza! Composed of dozens of vignettes, *Colorful* explores the fine art of peeking at pretty gals who sometimes don't even know they're being watched! They've also thrown in a few things like giant schoolgirls eating Pocky while walking down the street, to make it a bit easier for the uninitiated!

■ 17+ ■ TBS

DEVIL HUNTER YOHKO

Like seeing demons get their butts seriously kicked? You're going to love *Devil Hunter Yohko*. Pretty Yohko Mano has a few problems: It's her birthday, she has been told that she's the 107th generation in a family of devil hunters, and every demon, devil and ghoul in Japan has decided to take Yohko out! Don't miss this anime classic!

■ 17+ ■ TOHO, MADHOUSE

GOLDEN BOY

Young Kintaro lands a job at T.N.Software, a company staffed entirely by women. Unfortunately, coworkers soon realize that Kintaro's idea of programming is a little unusual, and he's reduced to office boy. Is this the end of Kintaro's dreams of becoming a programmer? Or will his other "skills" make him the GOLDEN BOY of the computer world?

■ 17+ ■ KSS

NAJICA BLITZ TACTICS

Najica Hiiragi is more than just your everyday super-hot exec in a red convertible. She's a secret agent on a mission to save us all from destruction. *Najica Blitz Tactics* isn't just about suspense, intrigue and saving the world. It's about all that nicely wrapped in a beautiful, butt-kickin' babe!

■ 17+ ■ AMBER FILMWORKS, STUDIO FANTASIA

NEW CUTEY HONEY

The sharpest mecha-girl ever to see ink is back and ready to do it all over again! Called forth by evil doings of the sinister Dolmeck, Cutie Honey is willing and able to do what it takes to save the day. This time though, our beautiful heroine might be fighting for a bit more than just Cosplay City!

■ 17+ ■ TOEI

NURSE WITCH KOMUGI

Komugi-chan isn't just your average cosplay idol/cute schoolgirl/boy-infatuated teenager! When the need arises, as it so often does, she becomes Nurse Witch Komugi-chan, bearer of the powers of the Vaccine World! Get ready to laugh because what Komugi-chan lacks in size she more than makes up for with humor!

■ 15+ ■ TATSUNOKO PRODUCTIONS

SAKURA DIARIES

Ready for innuendo, mixed messages and some thinly veiled seduction? Then you're ready for *Sakura Diaries*. Urara likes Touma, but he only has eyes for Meiko—who won't date him. Let the games begin as Urara struggles between winning her man and seeing his dreams of love fulfilled.

■ 17+ ■ KITTY FILMS, VICTOR ENTERTAINMENT

SORCERER HUNTERS

One of writer Satoru Akahori's wildest scripts ever, *Sorcerer Hunters* is the saga of a group of entertaining (but strange) heroes who wander the continent of Spooner teaching sorcerers who pick on the downtrodden a thing or two about manners. With a studmuffin, a sorcerer and a couple of whip-wielding hotties, you know it's good!

■ 15+ ■ TV TOKYO, SOTSU FILM

THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES

When a group of people is suddenly swept into an alternate universe, things look pretty grim. Fortunately, to get home they just need to collect some magic runes—that can only be found on the bodies of elf babes! So off on an elf-hunt they must go! Lighthearted and fun, there's a lot more entertainment here than meets the eye!

■ 15+ ■ MEDIA WORKS

VARIABLE GEO

How do you know which waitress is better than the others? You have them fight it out in a competition called Variable Geo, of course! Be careful who you cheer for, though, because if she loses the battle, she'll have to pay the price! But behind the vibrant colors and perky front-story, there's something dark and diabolical going on.

■ 15+ ■ CHAOS PROJECT, KSS

WANDABA STYLE

What do you get when you cross a young eco-friendly billionaire scientist with four pop-idol wannabes? *Wandaba Style*, of course! If these girls are gonna make it "big," they need some serious PR, and manning an air-powered rocket mission to the moon is certainly one way to get noticed! Sit back, relax and soak in the curious cuteness!

■ PENDING ■ WONDERFARM

SLAYERS EXCELLENT

How do you get the attention of Lina Inverse? Well, you could torch the tavern she's in. OK, maybe it's not Naga's best idea, but Lina ain't much smarter. Besides a labyrinth of hilarity, in *Slayers Excellent* you actually find out how these two babes met!

■ 15+ ■ BANDAI VISUAL, MARUBENI

SLAYERS GORGEOUS

What do you do when daddy won't raise your allowance? You start a dragon war, of course! And, as always, it's Lina and Naga who end up on opposing sides. Still, there's something very entertaining when these two end up trying to prove who's the better equipped.

■ 15+ ■ BANDAI VISUAL, MARUBENI

SLAYERS GREAT

Think our buxom heroines are big stuff now? Just wait! A golem-making guy fawning over Lina can't resist using her as the model for his somewhat larger remote-control version of her. But don't get giddy just yet! He has a son—who has Naga modeling for his own creation.

■ 15+ ■ BANDAI VISUAL, MARUBENI

SLAYERS RETURN

When a village is enslaved by a sorcerer, the people just can't seem to get rid of the pesky fella. So they hire Lina and Naga to handle him. It seemed like a good idea at the time, but once the plot starts to twist, it's hard to tell exactly whose side they're on.

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GUNSMITH CATS

Rally Vincent and Minnie May Hopkins are the two hottest guns-for-hire in Chicago. Between Rally's penchant for pistols and Minnie's customized hand grenade collection, the bad guys are in deep stuff. In their Shelby GT-500 they run down gangsters and face off against a Russian femme fatale who kidnaps Minnie!

■ 12+ ■ KODANSHA

ZAION

A meteorite smashes into Earth, bringing with it a deadly virus that turns people into savage beasts. The world's governments create an organization to find a cure for the virus, as a group of nano-tech super soldiers are enlisted to protect the masses from attack. But when the virus mutates, mankind's last hope may be a 16-year-old girl!

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MEGAZONE 23

When Shogo happens upon a prototype motorcycle that transforms into a rockin' robot, he does what any swift guy would do. He goes cruising and picks up a sexy pop star. But the organization that built the bedazzling bike has other plans. They're hiding a nefarious secret, and the bike could expose them. It turns out that the very city in which Shugo lives may be an elaborate facade! Run, Shogo, run!

■ 15+ ■ AIC



SAKURA WARS

In 1919, mankind has barely survived a war against demons, but a second onslaught from netherworldly beasts is nigh. Only a few lovely lady spirit warriors can save the world, and they'll do so using steam-powered mecha! Steam punk and delicate anime debutantes mix in this best-selling video game turned anime. Samurai babes battle demons in retro robots that rock!

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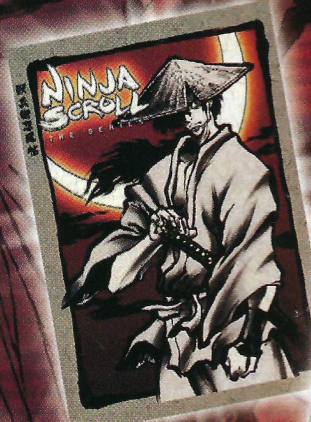
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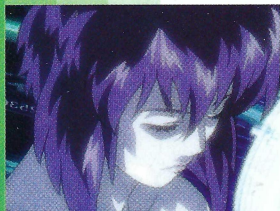
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GRRL POWER!

Umami, Sora and Ao are what you might call three very self-reliant sisters. Despite running their own odd-job business in Shonan Beach, which is a smashing success, and undertaking projects like generating their own electricity, they're all in the sixth grade. But something a bit unusual is going on here. Do they actually go to school? And if they do, why aren't they there when they should be? Where are their parents? Do they even have parents? Are they really even sisters? There's obviously a lot more going on here than meets the eye!

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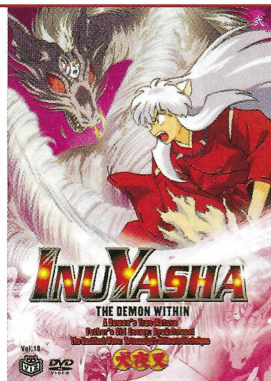
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INU YASHA

Kagome was just a typical high school girl until the day she was transported to Japan's ancient past when she got mixed up with dog-demon Inu Yasha and this whole jewel shard conundrum. In the two newest DVD releases (Volume 18: The Demon Within and Volume 19: The Road to Wisdom), Inu Yasha faces the dragon-like demon Ryukotsusei in the hopes of eclipsing his father's power, thus making his sword, the powerful Tetsusaiga, lighter. Then the gang runs across a temple's false prophet who feeds upon innocent followers. The truth is exposed, but not without putting Kagome's life in jeopardy.

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AZUMANGA DAIOH

What do you do when you're only ten years old, starting your first year of high school...and you're the smartest kid in your class? You wonder what happens to people's brains as they get older because your fellow students are certifiable! And the teacher isn't much better off. In Volume 2 of *Azumanga Daioh*, it's festival time, and classmates Yukari and Minamo are at each other's throats again in the school's winner-take-all athletic competition. However, the event you see is nothing compared to the insane antics going on in their heads. Prepare for a wacky ride!

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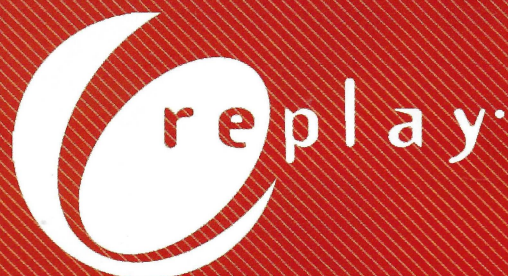
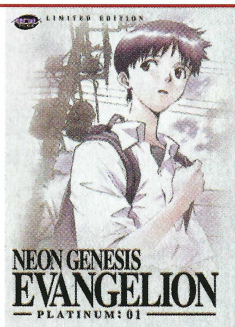


NEON GENESIS EVANGELION PLATINUM EDITION

Have you seen *Evangelion*? No, you haven't! Get ready for the all-new Platinum edition, which takes this smash hit classic and "officially" revises it, digitally remastered and packed with some crack extras for your viewing pleasure. You don't want to miss the series that people are still talking about! And if you've already seen it, this is the best excuse to relive the *Eva* experience. After all, who wouldn't want to see giant mecha kicking butt while pondering the great existential questions? Therapy sessions not included.

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GHOST IN THE SHELL: STAND ALONE COMPLEX

Ghost in the Shell is back and ready for you to enjoy in all its animated goodness! This time out, crime-fighting unit Section 9's Major Motoko Kusanagi and her legendary, ultra-fine cyborg chassis are in the business of handing criminals their butts on a platter. Whether it be organized crime, terrorism over the Net or just your average, everyday murderous robot running amok in the city, you can bet Section 9 will be all over it!

Based on the original creation of manga legend Masamune Shirow, *Stand Alone Complex* is one of the most anticipated anime series to date. Taking place in a possible future where technology begins to replace the physical body, *Ghost in the Shell* focuses on the exploits, perceptions and experiences of excessively attractive Major Motoko Kusanagi—and offers lots of action.

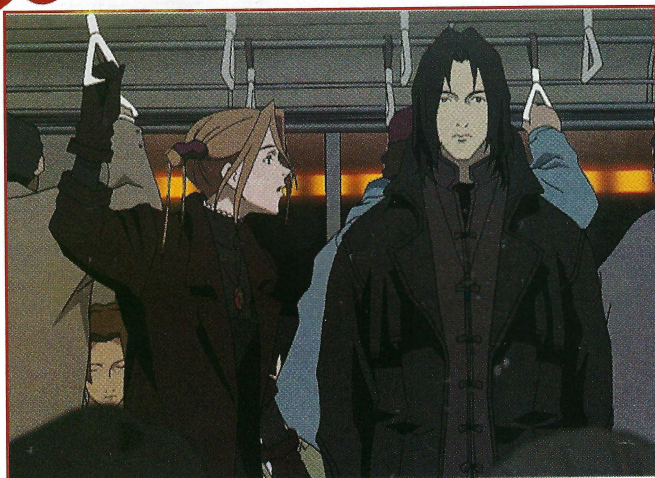
Stand Alone Complex sports a plethora of Shirow's world-famous mecha designs, sophisticated sci-fi back-stories and a complicated detective/action storyline that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

With a decided focus on the social issues of the future, its technology and its effects on people, *Stand Alone Complex* is much more than just a great story set to amazing art and animation—it's a running commentary on what it means to be human in a world that grows more dehumanizing every day.

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WITCH HUNTER ROBIN

The world has a little problem. It appears that witches are bent on wreaking havoc on the rest of humanity, and it's time something gets done about it. Enter the STN, a not-quite-public organization whose mission is to take it to the witches—hard.

Using technology, science and their own brand of powerful operatives, the STN is in a seemingly never-ending battle against the darkness. Outnumbered and surrounded by evil, odds aren't in the STN's favor, but with the addition of Robin to their ranks, things are about to change.

In the fifth volume of *Witch Hunter Robin*, Robin's true power has become obvious. Robin decides to reveal herself and the reality of what she is to Nagira, but there are still so many questions remaining that it hardly sets things to rest.

As the members of the Japanese branch of the STN heal from their wounds, their nemesis Solomon has just decided that a swift and painful end must come to Robin, and with that, the hunter becomes the hunted.

Events in *Witch Hunter Robin* are quickly reaching a level of tension that you don't want to miss, and the revelations about Robin and her "truths" just keep on coming!

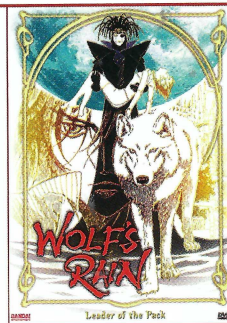
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WOLF'S RAIN

In a far-flung future, wolves disguise themselves as humans. Pushed to the outskirts of civilization over 200 years ago and believed to be extinct, wolves are now called to their rightful mystical destiny—the promised utopia of Paradise. A group of young wolves masked as people venture into the unknown as they face the humans who hunt them, magical nobles and mysterious machinations.

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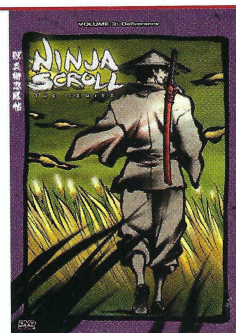


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NINJA SCROLL

Follow the continued exploits of everyone's favorite drifting ninja Jubei in this hit TV series based on the feature film. Shigure is kidnapped by the Kimon clan as Jubei and Hiruko desperately fight to find her. As Shigure realizes her responsibility to accept the powers of the Light Maiden, will she end the feud between warring ninja clans?

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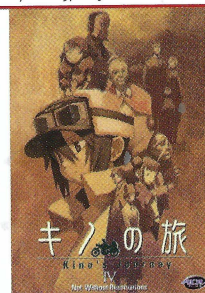
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KINO'S JOURNEY

Kino is a traveler. A lonely figure who cuts through different "countries" riding a talking motorbike, never staying longer than three days—which is often enough to experience a new culture, learn a new life lesson, and maybe get a bit of frenetic gunplay going. This thought-provoking series will take you to unimaginable places. Book your ticket for the stunning conclusion in Volume 4.

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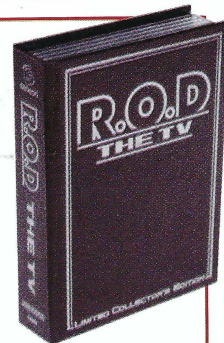
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R.O.D THE TV

Meet Nenene Sumiregawa, a best-selling author who goes to Hong Kong to promote her latest title only to become the target of a jealous writer. But fear not—the Three Sisters Detective Agency is on the case, and Michelle, Maggie and Anita won't let her get the slightest splinter. These girls use their power over paper to defend their newfound friend and follow her back to Japan to continue their body-guard duties.

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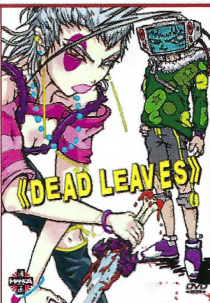
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Say hello to Pandy and Retro—two rebels who wake up naked one day with no idea who they are. As they go about stealing things they might need, they get caught and sent to a prison on the moon called "Dead Leaves." That's when things start to get odd, because it's not really a prison—it's a clone factory! With a wacked-out story and a totally unique art style, *Dead Leaves* isn't just funny, it's completely bonkers!



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She's the super-cute star of the show and the most spoiled brat you could ever meet—and the not-so-sharp President seems to think she's a real secret agent! Complete with a robo-dog with bladder issues, a gadget-pimping mad scientist and an assistant that serves little use other than being the victim of Milk-chan's abuse, this show's insane!



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What do you get when you mix a wannabe world ruler, a teenage girl who can die as often as you feel like killing her (which would be a lot), a vomiting princess from another world and a man who likes to sing songs about his afro? You get the wildly demented *Excel Saga*! What's more, all six of the DVDs in the series come in one very cool box!



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Yu Yu Hakusho fans need to get ready for this—the first box set of the *Dark Tournament* saga is waiting for you! In the first six DVDs, Yusuke is back and has a choice to make: Enter the Dark Tournament run by criminals or sit by and watch everyone he cares about be viciously murdered! Will Genkai's training pull Yusuke through, or is it a hopeless battle?



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GUNGRAVE

Something evil is going on. The huge Millennium crime syndicate has been up to something, and it's not just the usual rackets like drugs, gambling and prostitution! They're raising the dead so that they can act as Millennium's unkillable enforcers. What they're doing goes beyond evil and into just plain demonic!

Brandon Heat, however, has some other ideas about how things will go down. Heat has tasted the sting of death, but he won't let a little thing like being dead stop him from exacting hot revenge.

Heat definitely has some ideas on how death should be and disagrees on a number of issues with Millennium—one of those being the current status of Millennium's leader, Harry MacDowel. Right now he's living—and Mr. Heat wants to fix that little problem for him. What are former best friends for?

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Mei and Satsuki have just relocated to Japan's countryside with their father and are eager to explore their new surroundings. Inside a camphor tree on their picturesque estate, they stumble upon the giant forest spirit Totoro, who opens the door to adventures they could never have imagined. From Studio Ghibli and director Hayao Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*, *Princess Mononoke*), *My Neighbor Totoro* is a timeless and beautifully animated tale of childlike discovery and wonder.

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KIDDY GRADE

Eclair and Lumiere, special agents of the Galactic Organization of Trade and Tariffs (GOTT), fight intergalactic injustice wherever it may be in this thrill-a-minute series from GONZO Digimation. Using their special powers (Eclair with her deadly lipstick and Lumiere's ability to link up with and control machines), they clean up the galaxy in style. After defying orders, the two must run from their former employer as fugitives. They take refuge on an obscure space colony, only to be tracked down by Section 13 operatives, while Eclair's mysterious past threatens to catch up with her.

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KALEIDO STAR

Ever since she was a little girl, Sora has dreamed of being a member of the Kaleido Stage. But since she arrived at its tent door, obstacles have threatened to destroy her dream. First everyone hates her, then she doesn't get a role in the show—and she just keeps messing up. She can't really be a failure when the spirit of the stage, which only she can see, keeps giving her sage advice. In Volume 2, Sora auditions for a part in Kaleido Stage's water show, and Kaleido-diva Layla tries to throw a wrench into Sora's chances at stardom.

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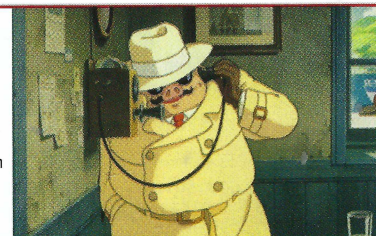


PORCO ROSSO

It's the Great Depression, you're in Italy, and you've got a problem with aerial pirates. What do you do? You get a bodyguard, and, if you're lucky, you'll find the renowned WWI ace Porco Rosso! But he's not exactly human anymore. He met with a terrible accident that turned him into a pig. Fear not though: This porker has what it takes to save the day!

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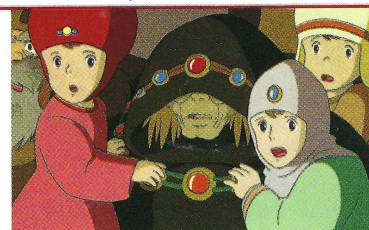


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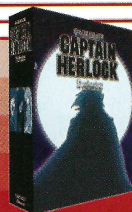
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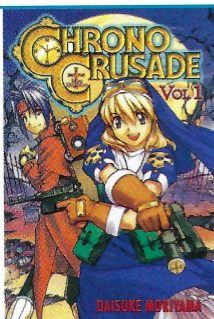
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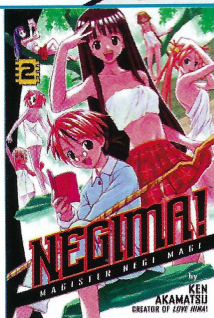


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Harry Potter, eat your heart out! Ten-year-old Negi just graduated from sorcery school in England, and he's gone to Japan to be the English teacher at an all-girls high school, where he has to sleep in the girls dorm! Unfortunately, he's not "officially" allowed to use his secret magical powers or tell any of the girls about them, but sometimes he just can't help himself. Ahhh, to be ten again.

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Things just aren't what they used to be. It's Cosmic Era 70, and space is no longer the final frontier but a vicious battlefield. Taking advantage of this, Junk Techs Lowe, Liam and Kisato happen upon a secret Gundam—Red Flame. There are, however, some who would like to claim Red Flame for themselves and use it to destroy their enemies—and they're not asking for it nicely!

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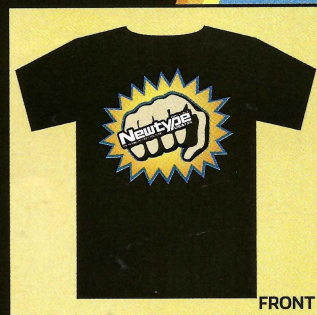
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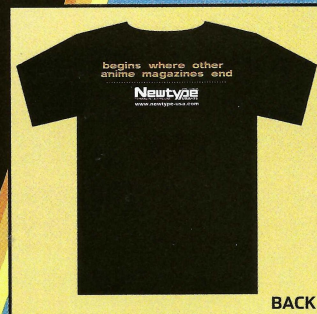
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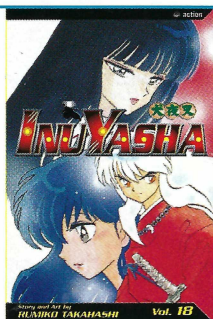
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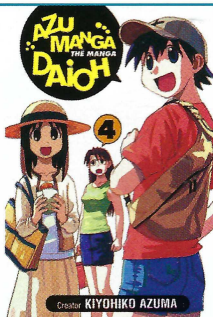


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AZUMANGA DAIOH

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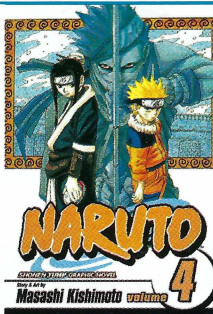


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NARUTO

Naruto is a ninja wannabe, which means he has to go to the Ninja Academy. Unfortunately, he also has to deal with his arch-nemesis Konohamaru, figure out how to get along with Sasuke and Sakura as part of their team and still find time to pass ninja instructor Kakashi's unforgiving exam. Only two students will make it, and Naruto has set his sights on being one of them!

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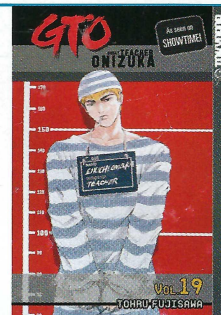
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GTO

Eikichi Onizuka might not be the most orthodox teacher around—after all, he's a former gang leader who sometimes wrangles his wily students using public humiliation—but he gets the job done. His goal is to become the greatest teacher in Japan (while repressing his lecherous feelings for female acquaintances). In Volume 19: After Onizuka foils a teacher's plans to woo Fuyutsuki, his rival plots revenge...by holding the school hostage!

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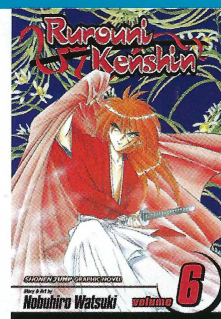


RUROUNI KENSHIN

The Meiji era has come to Japan, and times they are a-changing. The classic Japanese feudal system is gone, and the samurai have been commanded to surrender their swords. More than just weapons, their swords are part of their souls, and most would rather kill than give them up. But there are some, like Himura Kenshin, that have no desire to fight, but will the world leave him in peace? Get lost in this lush, epic story!

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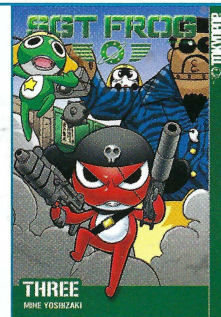


SGT. FROG

He was a lean, green, Earth-taking-over machine. But when Sgt. Keroro is froggapped by two kids and abandoned by his race of amphibian invaders, he's forced to perform the most horrific of domestic chores: vacuuming. He soon meets up with other abandoned froggy pals, and together they bide their time (building Gundam models and disturbing the peace with their antics) until they can take over the planet.

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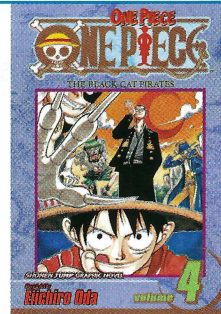


ONE PIECE

Monkey D. Luffy has a dream: If only he could become a pirate! To this end, he eats the strange Gum-Gum fruit and goes off swashbuckling in pursuit of the treasure "One Piece." While eating the Gum-Gum gave Monkey fantastic rubbery powers, it also meant that he can never learn to swim. Oh well, what possible use could a dim-witted treasure-hunting pirate have for swimming?

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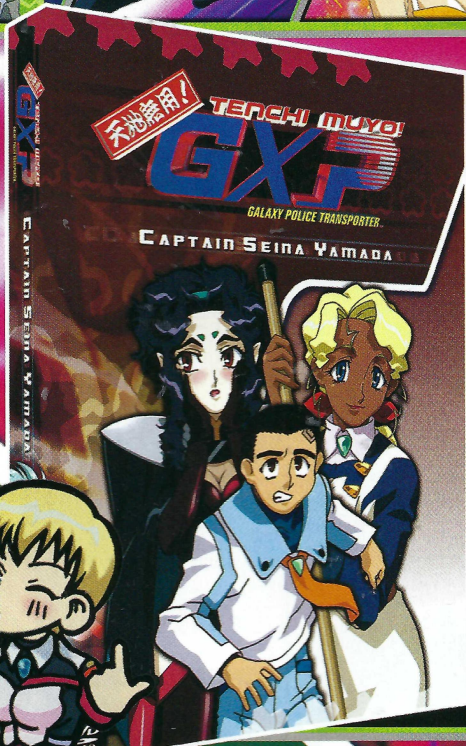
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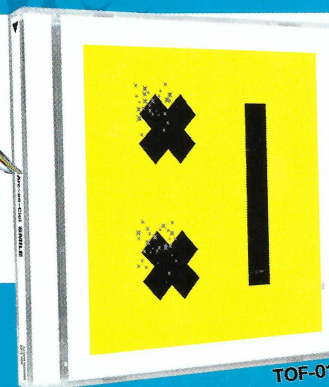
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PROS & CONS

Just about everybody either wants to experience the excitement of their first anime con, or if they've already been, they can't wait to hit up the next one. What goes on at these things that makes them so enticing to anime fans new and old?

Anime conventions, often referred to as "cons," are celebrations of fandom, not only for anime but also for manga, music and other facets of Japanese pop culture.

Cons typically have panels during which you can ask questions of voice actors or other North American production people such as directors. More and more, however, cons are featuring guests directly from Japan, including production staffers, actors, musicians and artists.

You'll often find panels presented by the various studios that localize and distribute anime in the US. Cons are the venue of choice for special announcements about new titles, as well as for responding to fans and their questions.

Another big draw: the dealers' room, where you can find everything from the newest titles to rare manga and Japanese snacks. A fair-sized dealers' room will have something to suit just about any type of fan—but be careful with your money. Avoid bootleg CDs and DVDs, and remember that you might need some money to eat and get back home!

Most cons also host special anime screenings, concerts, dances, the ever-popular game shows based on popular TV shows (but with a decidedly anime flavor), and other events that come with the cost of admission. Plus, there are always anime screening rooms, most of which run one anime after another, all day long.

CON DOS AND DON'TS

Do ask before taking cosplay pictures.
Don't ever touch others without their permission.

Do take regular showers. "Con funk" won't win friends.

Don't curse or shout obscenities.
Children are often present.

Do be patient and courteous in crowded areas.

Do treat others as you would like to be treated. (Duh!)

Don't assume everyone prefers dubs.

Do pay attention to schedule changes.

Don't forget to eat. Pocky and Ramune are not food groups!

You might also get to see your favorite anime babe or beefcake in "real life" at a con. These are cosplayers: people who enjoy creating and wearing costumes based on their favorite characters.

While they're fun to gawk at, remember that they're real people. Be warned: Unlike many an anime hottie, these people don't always enjoy being drooled on, stalked or man-handled.

By far, the best part of cons is the fellowship. Con-goers are known for being friendly, tolerant people. If you're staying at a con, don't shut yourself away in your room. Walk around and chat with people. You'll find scores of new friends from all around the country waiting to meet you.

So check out a convention this summer. (If you can only go to one, consider Otakon or Anime Expo.) You won't be sorry. Escape the drama of "real" life, make new friends, and let your fandom shine!



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